(c) Out of total number of 797scheme sanctioned so far under N.R.C.P. for the pollution abatement of rivers, 423 schemes have been completed. An amount of Rs. 1336 crore has been released so far by Government to the State Governments for the implementation of the schemes against an approved cost of Rs. 4688 crore. The following types of work of pollution abatement are being implemented under NRCP.

Interception and diversion works to capture the raw sewage flowing into the river through open drains and divert them for treatment.

Sewage treatment plants for treating the diverted sewage.

Low cost sanitation works to prevent open defecation on river banks.

Electric crematoria and improved wood crematoria to conserve the use of wood and help in ensuring proper cremation of bodies brought to the burning ghats.

River front development works such as improvement of bathing ghats etc.

Other minor miscellaneous works like afforestation, public participation, public awareness etc.

Pollution in NOIDA

1911. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sector-62, NOIDA is highly polluted sector;

(b) whether its institutional area is virtually a dumping ground of garbage and filth generating in and around the sector;

(c) whether garbage dump keeps on burning throughout day and night giving rise to thick and black smoke in the area; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to prevent this in the larger interest of the residents of the area?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) As per the recent inspection carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board and the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board officials, a vacant plot belonging to the NOIDA having an area of 350 x

700 meters located in the institutional area of the Sector-62, NOIDA is being used for dumping garbage. During the inspection, it was observed that the garbage has been burnt at a few places in that plot.

(d) Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board has asked the NOIDA to take steps for proper disposal of garbage and other municipal wastes as per the provisions under the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000. The NOIDA has informed that action has been initiated to identify a land fill site.

Maps for project tiger

1912. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report appeared in media that there will be maps for all project tiger reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All tiger reserves in the country have maps. The Project Tiger Directorate has taken added initiatives for evolving a Tiger Habitat and Population Evaluation System' in the GIS domain.

Construction of Animal Shelter Houses

1913. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual expenditure under the Central Scheme for the construction of animal shelter houses and Gaushalas during the last three years; year-wise and budget for the current year;

(b) the number of shelter houses and Gaushalas constructed, separately, since the inception of the scheme; and

(c) whether the scheme provides for recurring grants?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Government is implementing a scheme for Provision of Shelter Houses for looking after the animals. Under the scheme, grants-